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BATTLE AT SEA and Russians Each Lose a

Vessel.

THT NEAR PORT ARTHUR.

an Torpedo Boats in the Engage-They Were Probably Making an Atto Give the Japs the Slip-Five Rus-Torpedo Boats Return to Port Arthur

don, (By Cable).-The advices Port Arthur through Russian es of the engagement outside the r between Russian torpedo and Japanese warships, supdly torpedo boats or destroyers, vhich a Russian torpedo-boat deyer and a Japanese torpedo boat e sunk, seem to bear out the inion of experts here that the Rusan situation at Port Arthur is coming desperate.

The continued Japanese attacks are aving the intended effect upon the own and the fortifications. Viceroy Alexieff, in his report to the Czar, while stating that "the results of the bombardment were insignificant," admits that people in the town were killed and wounded by the exploding shells.

Admiral Markaroff, who has just assumed command of the Russian fleet stroyed the ferry steamer Shenango while frozen fast in the ice off Conat Port Arthur, is apparently making neaut, O.

Miss Mary Wyker, of Erwinna, Pa., Miss Mary Wyker, of Erwinna, Pa., Paul Weaver because vessels, including torpedo boats, to who was shot by Paul Weaver because escape.

Cabling from Yinkow a corresponed orders to leave immediately the cruelty. river opens. At Liao Yang there are now 12,000 troops working night and day on the fortifications. A great fortified camp is being formed south of the town; it extends three miles in every direction.

The Russian force on the Yalu River now amounts to 20,000 men.
As an example of the terrible power of the Japanese "Shimose" powder a correspondent of the Standard, at To-

kio, relates that a Russian sailor who was hurt in the naval fight off Chemulpo, and who has been brought to Matsuyama, Japan, has 160 wounds.

London, (By Cable). - The Daily Telegraph publishes a dispatch from Tokio, dated March 7 and saying:

"It is reported that the Japanese fleet ron at sea. The result of the engagement is not announced, but it is believed

Captain Reitzenstein's Vladivostok squadron is carefully guarded by the military authorities, but there is a strong impression here that when the seven Japanese warships appeared off the har-bor Sunday and Monday the Russian squadron was outside, perhaps down the coast, co-operating with the Russian land force near the mouth of the Tumen

If the Russians were outside and the Japanese definitely ascertained that fact, a big sea fight is probably imminent, and it is considered certain that the Japanese in that case will lie on and off Vladivostok to prevent the return of the Russians, giving battle if they are caught in the open sea. All the harbors along the coast in which the Russians might seek refuge are frozen and the squadron must eventually be forced to return to Vladi-

vostok for coal. Although the Japanese squadron is superior in numbers and guns, consisting of a battleship and four armored cruisers two of which are believed to be the Idzumo and the Yakumo, and two unarmored cruisers, the four armored cruisers under Captain Reitzenstein, the Rossia, Gromboi, Rurik and Bogatyr, are among the finest vessels in the Russian Navy, constituting as sister ships a homogene ous fighting unit, and experts here are not certain that they could not take the measure of Rear Admiral Uriu's ships.

A naval service organ here argues lengthily that the present Japanese naval disposition presages a movement on a large scale in the Sea of Japan and the paper accounts for all the Japanese ships except the battleship Yashima and the armored cruiser Tokiwa, one first-class protected cruiser and five second-class, reckoning the battleships Fuji and Shikishima, the armored cruisers Iwate and Asama and the protected cruiser Takashiho as being injured.

CROPS IN FARMERS' HANDS.

The Quantity of Wheat, Corn and Oats Held on March 1.

Washington, D. C., (Special). - The March report of the Bureau of Statistics St. Petersburg for the Far East to of the Department of Agriculture shows take command of the Russian milithe amount of wheat remaining in farmers' hands on March 1 to have been about 132,600,000 bushels, or 20.8 per cent. of last year's crop, as compared with 24.5 per cent. of the crop of 1902 on hand on

37.4 per cent of last year's crop, against 41.6 per cent. of the crop of 1902 on hand on March 1, 1903, and 29.2 per cent. of the crop on hand on March 1, 1902.

Of oats there are reported to be about 273,700,000 bushels, or 34.9 per cent. of last year's crop, still in farmers' hands, as compared with 36.9 per cent. of the crop of 1902 on hand on March 1, 1903, and 30.6 per cent. of the crop of 1901 on hand on March 1, 1902.

Bakers' Trust Was Soon Killed.

Newburgh, N. Y., (Special). - A Bakers' Trust, organized in this city, several weeks the dealers have been the engagement at Port Arthur. engaged in organizing to raise the price of bread, and on Monday of derers at Kishineff were concluded. this week the new scale on all One man was sentenced to 20 years bread and cake went up. In consequence the dealers were hit hard, for the public simply refused to buy from them, and on Tuesday the combine

Emperor William lett Berlin for a trip of six or seven weeks' duration, during which he will visit other dissolved.

THE KISHENEFF MASSACRE.

Prisoner Sentenced to Twenty Years For th Murder of Jewish Couple.

Kisheneff (By Cable).-The trial of prisoners charged with participation in the massacre of Jews here last April is closed. After a fortnight's deliberation the court gave judgment in the case of Busneke and 57 others, of whom 18 were charged with homicide during the anti-Jewish rioting and 40 with creating disorders. Rusneke and Bodijan were found guilty of the murder of a Jewish couple named Forrarii.

Rusneke was sentenced to four years' imprionment and Bodijan to 20

Fifteen persons accused of rioting were each condemned to a year's imprisonment, and three others to four months. Thirty-six of the accused were discharged.

Two damage suits were not considered and 64 were disallowed. The damage suits were all brought

by Jews.

The final judgment will be announced formally April 25.

NEWS IN SHORT ORDER

The Latest Happenings Condensed for Rapid Reading.

One man was cremated and another seriously burned in a fire that de-

she rejected him, died from the in-

juries received. Col. William F. Cody (Buffalo Bill) dent says the British and American entered suit in Denver, Col., against gunboats at Niuechwang have receiv- his wife for divorce, on the ground of

Burglars blew open the safe in the Pennsylvania Railroad Station at Haverford, on the suburbs of Phila-Mark Dunn was hanged at St. Jos

eph, Mo., for the murder of Alfred Fenton, a farmer, at Rushville, Mo. The cable-ship Scotia went ashore on Spanish Rocks, near Guam, and is likely to prove a total wreck.

The steamer Graf Waldersee brought to New York 1,800 Russians who fled to escape military service.

The Auditorium Theatre in Chicago was allowed to reopen, having been pronounced safe from fire. John White, chief attorney of the

Modern Woodmen, is dead at his home, in Rock Island, Ill. The British steamer Cape Corrientes arrived at New York after having rescued engaged the Russian Vladivostok squad- the crew of a dismasted bark in midocean and suffered an explosion which

set the steamer on fire. Seventy-five Carbondale (Mo.) citizens the Russian ships were destroyed or captured."

Seventy-five Carbondale (Mo.) citizens attempted to take a negro from the jail at Murphysboro. The sheriff frustrated the plan, however, and arrested four

prominent citizens Secretary of War Taft had a cenference in New York with a number of promipent railroad men and financiers with reference to his railraod schemes in the Philippines.

came to see Niagrar, Fall under winter conditions, arrived at New York on the steamer Koenigin Luise.

A terrific gale, which came as climax to a series of snowstorms, has cut off California from communication with the rest of the world.

A man while lighting his pipe set fire to gasoline in a car on the way to Harrisburg, Pa., and four men were burned to

Philipe Bunan-Varilla, who recently resigned as Panama minister to the United States, sailed from New York to

The Interstate Commerce Commission has issued an order directing a number of railroads to file the names and locations of all terminal connecting roads.

Dr. Andrew S. Draper, president of the University of Illinois, was elected commissioner of education of New York.

The new board of directors of the American Ice Company elected Wesley M. Oler, of Baltimore, president. Mrs. Sherman Lye, accused of mail-

ing to Rena Nelson a box of poisoned candy, was released from custody. A number of securities of the United States Shipbuilding Company were sold

at auction Charles Edward Langham, father of the Baroness von Sternburg, died at Epwanda, Cal.

Lieutenant Commander Cutler, in charge of the Porto Rico Lighthouse Service, was arrested on the charge of false imprisonment.

Between 700 and 800 delegates to the World's Fourth Sunday School Convention at Jerusalem sailed from New York.

Foreign.

General Kuropatkin, about to leave tary forces, bade farewell to the Czar, and was presented with a sacred picture by the Municipal Council.

The United States government will sustain the action of Captain Sawyer, of the gunboat Helena, in protesting against the sinking by the The corn in farmers hands is esti-of junks at the entrance of Niuch-wang harbor.

On account of conflicting reports of the intentions of the Japanese commanders in Manchuria the Russian corps which has arrived at Harbin will be detained there.

The Russians are engaged in building defenses at Wijn, which will co-operate with the fortifications already constructed on the left bank of

Japanese officials at Tokio believe that lack of ammunition was the reason that Vladivostok forts did not reply to the Japanese bombardment. At Nagaski repairs are being made

lasted just a day and a half. For to the ships that were damaged in The trials of the rioters and mur-

for the murder of a Jewish couple. Emperor William left Berlin for a

HANGING FOR BANDITS

Penalty for Murder at Chicago Car Barn Riots.

ONE OTHER YET TO BE TRIED.

Jury Agrees on a Verdict After Deliberating for a Day and a Night-The Condemned Men Hear Their Fate Stolidly-Emil Roeski, Who Participated in Some of Their Crimes

To Be Tried Separately.

Chicago, (Special). - Hanging for all was the verdict of the jury in the first murder case against the so-called "car-barn bandits," Harvey Vandine, Peter Neidermeier and Gustav Marx, who attempted notoriety by a desperate all-day battle that started in "dugout" near Liverpool, Ind., where the trio had taken refuge after a series of remarkable crimes, including the murder of two employes of the Chicago City Railway at one of the company's barns in this city, the motive in each instance being robery.

Emil Boeski, who was with the bandits in the dugout, and who participated in many of their crimes, is to be tried separately, not having been implicated directly in the particular murder for which his associates were first arraigned.

The verdict of the jury was delayed somewhat on account of a temporary division of opinion as to making the punishment alike for all the defend-

A confession on the part of Marx led to the discovery of the hiding place of the other bandits. Marx entered a plea of guilty and begged for mercy, while the other bandits attempted to brazen out a plea of innocence. Epilepsy, the result of heredity, was also pleaded in the case of Vandine.

The bandits heard their doom stolidly. The mother of Vandine was in the court room. Niedermeier's mother was also present. Neither woman made any out-cry.

Contrary to the general belief, it was

BIG FERRY STEAMER BURNED.

Was Frozen First in Ice Off Conneaut, Ohio-Firemen Perished.

Conneaut, Ohio, (Special).-A large

The Grand Duke of Oldenburg, who to have resulted from an explosion of tions of the world are neighbors one to oil in the engine-room. The vessel attempted to make the trip from here self-restraint should mark international, to Port Stanley early in January, but no less than private, intercourse. was caught in the heavy ice. finally succeeded in working her way back into the Conneaut Breakwater. where she has remained frozen in by the ice ever since. When the fire was discovered, it was found that she was too far out to be reached by the

fire department. Engineer Morrell was the only member of the crew awake when the flames broke out. Finding that the fire was beyond control, he hastily aroused the others on board, and all escaped except the fireman, McCarter. that all supplies for the use of the army Upon discovering that McCarter was and navy of still in the hold of the vessel Morrell out of the returned to awaken him. He was caught by the flames, and before he could be rescued was so badly burned that he will probably die. Mc-Carter's body was consumed by the flames.

HEAVY LÖSS TO MINERS.

Geological Survey's View of the Big Anthracite Strike.

Washington, D. C., (Special).-The report of Edward W. Parker on the pro duction of coal in 1902, about to be issued by the United States Geological Survey gives a review of labor troubles during that year and their effect upon the coal production. The report says:

"The troubles in the anthracite district resulted in a decrease of nearly 40 per cent, in production to the operators, as compared with 1901. Approximately 145,000 men were idle for 98 working days, and the public was put to greater inconvenience and annoyance for want of fuel than had ever been known before in the history of the country. It is estimated that the total number of working days lost by this strike was 14,210,000, which, at an average of \$2.50 a day, meant a loss of about \$35,000,000 in

The strikes in West Virginia were or ganized for the purpose of compelling the operators to recognize the union. The strikers carried their point in the Kanawha river, but in the New river district the strike failed of its purpose. The time lost in West Virginia in 1902 was 1,362,054 days, or nearly twice as much as that lost by strikes in all the United States in 1901. The estimated oss of tonnage for the State caused by the strike was about 4,500,000 tons, al though, on account of increased activity in other portions of the State, there was no actual decrease in output as compared with 1901.'

No Peace at Santo Domingo.

Washington, (Special).-Very much Minister Powell, just received at the State Department, report a big battle across the river from San Domingo, March 4, in which the insurgents were worsted and fled, leaving their guns and ammunition on the field. The insurgents, however, were reported to have been in possession of the Town of Azua. The United States ship Topeka touched at San Domingo March 8, and proceeded to Azur

WOMEN'S TERRIBLE FALL.

Drops Seven Stories in a New York Office Bullding.

New York (Special).-Miss Bessie Lazare, a stenographer, aged 23, was mortally injured by falling seven stories - from the eleventh to the fourth floor - in the building at 15 Dev street.

Her piercing screams as she shot down the main light shaft of the building created a panic among the tenants, She had been sitting on a window sill and lost her balance as she turned to talk to someone in the room. Her fall was broken at the fourth floor by

a wire netting over a skylight. She was taken to the Hudson Street Hospital unconscious, suffering from a fractured skull and internal injuries. Miss Lazare lived in Brooklyn and was employed by the American Telephone and Telegraph Company.

LIVE WASHINGTON AFFAIRS No American Slave Dealers in the Philippines.

U. S. Officials Must Be Discreet.

President Roosevelt, after a conference with Secretary of State Hay, issued the following executive order respecting the observance of the proclamation recently mulgated declaring the neutrality of the United States between Russia and Japan, the two combatant nations in the

Far Eastern war now in progress: "All officials of the government-civil, military and naval-are hereby directed not only to observe the President's proclamation of neutrality in the pending war between Russia and Japan, but also to abstain from either action or speech which can legitimately cause irritation to either of the combatants. The government of the United States represents the people of the United States n t only in the sincerity with which it is endeavoring to keep the scales of neutrality exact and even, but in the sincerity with which it deplores the breaking out of the present war, and hopes that it will Marx did not appear. She was said to end at the earliest possible moment and be at home in a state bordering on with the smallest possible loss-to those engaged. Such a war inevitably increases and inflames the susceptibilities of the Vandine's fate, and not that of Marx, combatants to anything in the nature of now, for both parties are in hot blood. that caused the delay in arriving at a decision.

combatants to anything in the nature of and, unfortunately, nothing will avail and, unfortunately, nothing will avail decision. as to the duties and obligations of neutrals, so that even when discharging these duties and obligations with scrupulous care it is difficult to avoid giving offense to one or the other party. To such unavoidable causes of offense, due to the performance of national duty, car ferry steamer, Shenango No. I, there must not be added any avoidable owned by the Marquette and Besse-mer Dock and Navigation Company, Old World antipathies and jealousies New York tunnel and terminal the Pennmer Dock and Navigation Company, into our life, or by speech or conduct to was destroyed by fire off this port, resulting in the death of Fireman nation in friendly foreign lands; but in a board of directors, approved expenditures Chas. McCarter of Cheboygan, Mich., and the probably fatal injury of Engineer John Morrell.

The boat was one of the largest of box was one of the largest of box will be received by the metal on the great lakes walked by probably and self-confident nation should be received by the great lakes walked by property of the great lakes walk her kind on the great lakes, valued at \$350,000, and had a carrying caparights, but of the susceptibilities of its city of 26 cars. The fire is supposed neighbors; and nowadays all of the na- as laid out in the annual report.

> "All the officials of the government— expenditures for the present year, have before them a schedule of work to be so to carry themselves, both in act and in deed, as to give no cause of just offense to the people of any foreign and friendly power-and with all mankind we are

now in friendship.

"THEODORE ROOSEVELT." Use of American Ships.

The House Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries authorized a favorable report on a House bill providing f the United States shipped out of the United States shall be transported either in ships belonging to the Government or in ships of American

The bill is to go into effect 30 days after its passage. A provision incor-porated by the Senate in a bill of the same nature passed by that body was added to the House bill as an amendment, to the effect that should the freight rates charged be extortionate the President may suspend the operation of the act and open the competition to the vessels of other countries.

Hon. George W. Croft.

As the result of blood poisoning, caused by a splinter in his hand, Hon. George William Croft, representative in Congress from the Second district of South Carolina, died at his boarding place, Sixth street Northeast. The immediate cause of death was given as

heart exhaustion. Several operations had been performed in the hope of saving Mr. Croft's life, but without avail. He received the injury nearly two months ago, but the blood poisoning did not develop for some time afterward.

Salaries of Canal Board.

President Roosevelt has fixed the salaries of the Isthmian Canal Commissioners at \$12,000 a year and in addition thereto \$15 a day while they are on the Isthmus.

The Senate, in executive session, confirmed the nomination of Henry B. Richardson, of Louisiana, as member of the Mississippi River Commission.

Has No American Wife.

So much currency has been obtained in the press by a story that the Emperor of Korea had married an American woman named Emily Brown that United States Minister Allen, at Seoul, has been obliged to print identical replies to a number of women correspondents denying the truth of the story.

Congressional and Departments.

the Isthmian Canal Commissioners at

The battleship squadron has left Guan-

tanamo for Pensacola to engage in target

\$12,000 per annum.

The House Committee on Merchant bella Marcum, for herself and children, belated cablegrams from United States | Marine and Fisheries authorized a favorable reprot on a House bill providing that all supplies for the use of the Army and Navy shall be transported either in ships belonging to the government or in ships of American register. President Roosevelt fixed the salary of

U. S. AS PEACEMAKER

Suggestions That This Country Act With France.

HOW IT IS VIEWED IN PARIS.

The Idea of a Prominent American Railroad Man That France and United States, Because of Their Friendship Toward the Belligerents, Are Best Qualified to initfate a Peace Movement.

Paris, (By Cable). - The informal suggestion that France and the United States act jointly as peacemakers in the Far Eastern war has been made within the last week, and although the officials consider that any peace overtures would be futile at the present stage of the conflict, yet the suggestion leads to the belief in high quarters that France and the United States will become the eventual peacemakers. The suggestion came from one of the most prominent American railroad men, who probably has the largest railroad dealings with Russia of

any American. During a recent visit here he called at the American Embassy and other official quarters. In the course of his visit he strongly urged that France and the United States, by reason of their international friendship toward the two belligerents, were specially qualified to initiate a peace movement. The American believed Russia would gladly avail herself of the opportuni-

ty even now, and that international in-fluence would favorbly incline Japan. The suggestion was entirely unofficial and informal, but none the less it was expected that it would prove germ for official action. However, no such official action is likely at the present time, as it is the accepted view of the French and American authorities that neither of the belligerents would listen to any peace over-

As one of the highest officials sum med up the situation
"The suggestion is worthy of con sideration as showing that the repub lics are well qualified to become the

PENNSYLVANIA WILL SPEND \$20,500,000.

Big Expenditures for Improvements East of Pittsburg.

Philadelphia, Pa., (Special).-Not insylvania Railroad Company, through the

The additional \$2,000,000 is needed for improvements that are called for from time to time. The directors, who were in session about an hour considering the

finish the work in hand and to begin new improvements is \$18,500,000. At meetings of the directors of the Pennsylvania company and of the Pan Handle company, Effington B. Morris was elected a director to succeed L. F.

JEALOUSY CAUSES DOUBLE TRAGEDY. Young School Teacher Dying and Her Assail-

ant Dead By His Own ! and Frenchtown, N. J., (Special).-Miss Mary Wyker, a pretty young school teacher of this place, is dying, and Paul Weaver, an 18-year-old youth, is dead, as the result of the latter's insane jealousy, which led him to make a murder ous attack on the girl and then, when he

was pursued by a posse of his neighbors and former friends, take his own life. Weaver used a revolver on the gir and later used the same weapon on himself, also noosing a rope about his neck

to make sure that death would be his The attack on Miss Wyker was made as she was going from her professional duties at the Union school to her board ing house, the home of Hugh Furness. He fired three times and two of the bullets found their mark, inflicting

wounds that are likely to end in the young woman's death. Early in the morning the mother of the young man found his dead body hang ing from a noose tied to a rafter in a feed room on the homestead farm. He had adjusted the rope while standing or some boxes and then shot himself in the

SAVED TRAIN; LOST HIS LIFE.

Killed in Freventing a Wreck on the California Limited. Albuquerque, N. M., (Special).-In a

successful effort to save the Santa Fe's fast California Limited from being wrecked, Jesus Salamandin, a section foreman at Curbero, was run over and killed.

Salamandin was riding on his railroad motor when he heard the limited coming around a curve just ahead. He stopped his car and could easily have escaped but the car, if left on the track, would have wrecked the train.

He succeeded in getting it off the track just as the train reached him, but was unable to get out of the way himself.

\$100,000 For Murder. Winchester, Ky., (Special) Mrs. Ara-

filed suit in the Circuit Court against Jas. Hargis, Alexander Hargis, Edward Callahan and B. F. French for \$100,000 damages. She alleges in her petition that the defendants entered into a conspiracy with Curtis Jett and Thomas White to murder her husband, the late J. B. Marcum. Callahan was formerly Sheriff of Breathit county. Jett and White are now in jail in Louisville.

EXPORTS OF MANUFACTURES.

Seven-Months' Period That Breaks All

Records. Washington, (Special).-United States exports of manufactures in January, 1904, and in the seven months ended with January, 1904, show a larger total than ever before in the same months of the year. For the month of January they amounted to \$38,213,352, while the highest January record on any former occasion was that of 1900, when they were \$35,586,940.

For the seven months ended with January they amount to \$250,214,936, and the highest record for that seven-months' period in any preceding year was that ended with January, 1901, when the total was \$239,564,064. Thus the total for January is \$2,500,000 in excess of any preceding January, and for the seven months ending with January is about \$11,000,000 more than in any preceding seven months ended with January. These figures are shown by an analysis of the January exports, just prepared by the Department of Commerce and Labor, through its bureau of statistics.

President Invited to Preside.

Washington, (Special). - President Roosevelt has been invited to preside at a great popular meeting in the interest of home missions, to be held at Buffalo next May, during the sessions of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church. The invitation was extended by the Rev. S. V. V. Holmes, pastor of the Westminister Church, in Buffalo, through Representative Alexander, of that city. The President, who presided at a similar meeting in New York some years ago, did not give a definite response to the invitation, indicating that he would do so at a later date. His acceptance is regarded as doubtful, however, as he has felt officed to decline invitation of all kinds for this year.

Shot By His Plaaymate.

Waynesboro, Pa., (Special).-Gerald Middower, 11 years old, son of J. A Middower, was shot in the head at his home here by Robert Frantz, aged 12 The lads were playmates. They went to Frantz's home, where the latter took a revolver from the drawer of his brother's bureau and playfully pointed it at young Middower's head and shouted: "Hold up your hands!" The boys were standing only a few feet apart. The pistol was discharged and the bullet entered Middower's mouth, splitting the tongue, and lodged in the back part of his head inflicting a serious, perhaps fatal

A Double Tragedy. New York, (Special).-Robert Gray, painter, and his wife Lizzie were found dead in their apartments hethe woman in bed with her sl crushed in and her husband in the bathroom, having apparently commit ted suicide by gas asphyxiation. The case is supposed to be one of murder

\$10,000 For Denny Memorial Hall.

Carlisle, Pa., (Special).-A massmeeting of the citizens of Carlisle was held and \$10,000 was raised for the erection of Denny Memorial Hall, recently burned. Rev. Miles O. Noll of Carlisle, presided. Addresses were made by President Reed, John W. Welzel, Rev. G. M. Diffenderfer and Gen. Horatio C. King, of Brooklyn. Congressman Olmsted sent his check for \$500. During the coming week the town will be canvassed and the

balance of the \$20,000 raised.

Ate Wife and Child. Duluth, Minn., (Special).-Gustave Brandon, who has been cruising between Tower and Koochiching, has arrived here on his way to Minneapolis, and confirms a report of alleged cannibalism on the Nett Lake reservation. Brandon was near Pelican Lake when he was told that an Indian had killed and eaten his wife and child. He says his information is unquestionably authentic. He was told that the Indian during a drunken spree killed both his wife and child, and later devoured parts of th ir bodies to avert

starvation.

\$24,137,611 Less Earned. New York, (Special).-The second annual report of the United States Steel Corporation, dated March 1, has just been issued. The statement is a voluminous one. Net earnings for the year, after deducting expenditures for maintenance and interest on bonds and fixed charges of subsidiary companies, were \$100,171,152, compared with \$133.308.763 in 1902, a decrease of \$24,137.611. The balance of net earnings for 1903 was \$83,675,786, as against \$108,534,374 in 1002.

American Missionary Killed. Urumia, Persia, (By Cable)-News has reached here that Dr. Labori (Labaree?) an American missionary,

has been killed on the road to Khoi. Rev. Dr. Benjamin Labaree, who is probably referred to in the above dispatch, is one of the best-known Presbyterian missionaries in the Asiatic field, having been stationed in Persia

since 1860. Explosion at Torpedo Plant.

Knightstown, Ind., (Special) .- The plant of the Knightstown Torpedo Company, two miles from town, was lestroyed by an explosion of nitro-glycerine. Stephen Clark, an employe, was blown to pieces, as were a team of horses and wagon. Glass plate in this city was broken.

FINANCIAL.

The weekly statement of the Imperial Bank of Germany shows a decrease of 43,500,000 marks in cash. It is reported in railroad circles

the Union Pacific, Illinois Central and Chicago & Alton will be merged unless the Northern Securities decision is absoutely against the company. It is understood that Union Pacific

gross earnings for February will show an increase of over \$500,000 and that Southern Pacific earnings will show a gross increase of over \$800,000.

THE OLD DOMINION

Latest News Gleaned From All Over the State.

Frank Summers, a blacksmith, aged 45 years, was found dead by the side of his mother's grave in Union Cemetery, Alexandria. His face and a portion of his neck had been torn by large dogs, which were about the body when it was discovered by the keeper of the cemetery. The vora-cious animals tore large strips of flesh from the neck of the dead man. Had the body remained undiscovered a few hours longer the face would have been mutilated beyond recognition. News of the finding of the body was telephoned to the station house and Coroner William R. Purvis was notified. He directed that the remains be removed to the undertaking rooms of W. Demaine & Son, on King street. From the appearance of the body, it is believed that death occurred some time during the night. Some believe his death a case of suicide. Summers body, it is believed, remained beside the grave of his mother without disturbance until early next morning, when a group of large doge wandering through the cemetery found it. They attacked only the uncovered portion of the body. Summers was dressed in an ordinary suit of working clothes

Pluck and quick wit saved the honor and perhaps the life of Miss Ophelia Cowper, who lives in a quiet part of Main street, Suffolk, with an invalid mother. A stranger rapped on the street door and was refused admittance. Apparently knowing the unprotected condition of the women, the man broke the glass part of the door, entered and went to Miss Cow-per's bedroom. The man was warned not to enter or his life would be in peril, but finally he forced the lock As his head was thrust inside the door Miss Cowper fired at his face. The would-be assailant escaped into the night, leaving a trail of blood on the

stairway carpet. The Richmond Corporation Commission issued a charter to the Seaboard Traction Company, composed principally of Norfolk capitalists, to operate an electric passenger and freight line 300 miles long between Richmond and Portsmouth and through the principal truck and peanut sections of the State. The capital stock is fixed at \$250,000 minimum and \$800,000 maximum, in shares of \$100 each. Work is to be started immedi-

ately, say the promoters. In a street fight at Roanoke, be-tween Mayor Joel H. Cutchin and City Councilman J. C. Page the Mayor war badly used up. He is confined to his bed with a broken arm and cuts and bruises on his head and face. Mr. Page suffered minor bruises. The two men have been political enemies to-some time. The difficulty grew out of a severe arraignment of the Mayor

by Mr. Page at a recent meeting of the City Council. Mrs. Irene S. Greenaway, wife of Nevelle S. Greenaway, deputy clerk of the Alexandria courts, died at her residence in that city. She was a daughter of Capt. James Woody, of Fredericksburg and was 33 years old. Two little daughters survive her. Mrs. Greenaway was the sister of Mrs. Daniel Stansbury, of that city, and of Mrs. Frank Daley and Mrs.

Robert Loockiman, of Baltimore. Ex-Congressman James F. Epes, of Nottoway county, who is a candidate for re-election to Congress from the Fourth district, in a published card says that if elected he will devote the \$1,200 his clerk would receive to the

sending of boys and girls in his Jistrict to boarding schools. R. J. Malbon, a Norfolk "Good Government" party leader, was attacked by W. D. Lannigan, another local politician, and knocked down by him. Two of his teeth were knocked out, and he received a bad scalp

Mrs. Helena W. Arrett, of Pittsburg, and A. F. Smith, of Chicago, were arrested at a Richmond hotel, at the instance of Charles F. Arrett, husband of the woman. Smith and Mrs. Arrett secured bail. It is stated that Mrs. Arrett left two children in Pittsburg. The question of divor has been raised before, and Mr. Ar is said to have offered to settle 000 on his wife in case of a separa

but she asked for \$100,000. Silas Jones, Plias "Fortune Te was shot and instantly killed at New port News by Officer Hank Smith, who was trying to arrest the negro on the charge of housebreaking. The officer had the man in charge when the latter broke away and ran. Smith fired three shots in the air before taking aim at the fleeing negro. The fourth shot was effective and the fifth shot killed Jones. Smith was exonerated by the coroner's

A committee of the city council and the Roanoke Chamber of Commerce extend a joint invitation to the Wabash Railway Company to enter Roanoke, promising them a complete right of way and every inducement to come into the

John S. Walford, chief stevedore in the coal department of the Old Dominion Steamship Company, Newport News, has just received a copy of his father's will, which makes him heir to \$175,000. Mr. Walford's father was Lieut.-Col. Thomas Sturges Walford, of the Fourth West Yorkshire Regiment, Prince of Wales' Own. He died at his home on the south coast of England January 2. Mr. Walford had not seen his father for 29 years, as at the age of 12 years he ran

away to sea. W. F. Hendricks, of Bristol, is in jail at Welch, having been unable to secure \$2,500 bond. He was tried at Bluefield on the charge of circulating counterfeit coin, and released, but was arrested later on a similar charge.

In a shooting affray at Richlands, Tazewell county, Rosa Lily, of Bluefield, and William Horton, of Richlands, were accidentally shot by Joe Horton, William Horton's brother. The residence of Mr. Richard Huxter,

in Henrico county, near Richmond, was burned. The sleeping family was aroused just in time to escape with their lives. All of their possessions were destroyed.

March 1, 1903, and 23.2 per cent. of the crop of 1901 on hand on March 1, 1902.